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Letters dated 6 May 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to present to you the attached letter dated today from my President to you (see annex).

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter and its annex as a document of the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 6 May 1994 from the President of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General's Special Representative for the former Yugoslavia, Mr. Yasushi Akashi, has destroyed all the confidence which our Government had placed in him and which was the basis for any form of cooperation.

For a long period of time now, our people, along with the international community, have witnessed methods that can only be described as counterproductive in handling the critical issues of war and peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

His conduct and decisions regarding the crisis around Gorazde are, in our opinion, in obvious contradiction with the relevant Security Council resolutions and decisions of the NATO Council. These decisions have done nothing less than help the aggressor maintain its war machinery, employed solely to murder civilians and destroy cities.

By granting permission yesterday for Serbian tanks to go through the Sarajevo exclusion zone, and by escorting those tanks while they were moving to other positions, Mr. Akashi has practically placed himself on the side of he aggressor.

I am convinced that very few well-meaning individuals, including his closest associates, can comprehend or explain Mr. Akashi's actions.

In the light of these acts, it cannot come as a surprise that the Serbians have brazenly violated all decisions of the international community, when top officials representing that same international community have disregarded those decisions themselves. The consequences of such conduct have been a perpetual prolongation of war that has continued for more than three years in this region, along with a constant reduction in prospects for peace.

I am obliged to inform you that for the above-stated reasons the Government of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina can no longer cooperate with Mr. Akashi.

(Signed) Alija IZETBEGOVIĆ
President of the Presidency